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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C.§ 132, effective on May29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: *37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.* See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice,* Final Rule, 65 *Fed. Reg.* 50092 *(Aug. 16, 2000);* Interim Rule, 65 *Fed. Reg.* 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
   - a. ☐ Previously submitted
     - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
     - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
     - iii. ☐ Other _____
   - b. ☒ Enclosed
     - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
     - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
     - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
     - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous
   - a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required)**
   - b. ☒ Other Request for One Month Extension of Time

3. Fees The RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when he RCE is filed.
   - a. ☐ The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501519.
     - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
     - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
     - iii. ☐ Other _____
   - b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ enclosed
   - c. ☒ Payment by credit card electronically filed in the amount of $810.00 (RCE filing fee) and $120.00 (1 mo ext time fee)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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